

The Intelligencer.

How About Conventions?

Will the West Virginia Republicans and Democrats hold two State Conventions next year—one to send delegates to their respective National or Presidential Conventions, and another, afterward, to nominate their State tickets and adopt their platform? Supposing that these National Conventions meet in May or June, as they have done before, are the delegates to be sent to them from this State? Will the two parties be ready to name their candidates and lay down their platforms in advance of the adoption of National platforms and the nomination of Presidential tickets? If so they may be called upon to open the State campaign very early next year, perhaps in April or in May. In 1872 the Republicans held two Conventions, but the first was a Legislative sort of affair, the members holding proxies from different parts of the State. The Democrats, we believe, held but one in that year, and both parties, if we recollect right, held but one each in 1872. The Republicans would have held two in 1872 but for the fact that Gov. Jacob ran as an independent candidate and their Executive Committee concluded to make no nomination in opposition to him.

Next year there will be the usual amount of party spirit, and the candidates of the principal party, especially the Democrats. Business may improve so much next year that the Bill Allen Democrats of last fall may become the Tilden or specie Democrats of next summer. It is reasonably certain that the Republicans will adhere to the platform upon which they carried Ohio last fall, but still both parties in this sovereign State of West Virginia will want to know what they are about when they nominate their dogmas next spring or next summer. How then are they to escape two conventions apiece? This is a question of importance, however trivial it may look to some people, for it is no small affair to go through the routine of getting up and holding two State Conventions. Our suggestion to the Republican brethren, in case they decide to hold two, is to let the first Convention be chosen with the understanding that the members shall have power to hold an adjourned Convention at a later day if they think it judicious to do so.

Democratic Check.

We had thought when Delegate Short dropped down upon us a few days since and tarrying with us five or six days drew his mileage and per diem for the whole session, past and future, and then quietly tearing away to the mountain fastnesses (Wyoming, that Democratic hardihood reached an imperial climax. It has been felt, however, to Delegate Stone, of the county of Logan, to aspire to still sublimer heights of soulless impudence. Yesterday, through Mr. Depey (of Boone), he asked the House to instruct the Sergeant-at-Arms to issue a warrant on the Auditor for his mileage and per diem, notwithstanding he had never traveled a mile nor rendered a day's service to the State. He had not even treated the House with so much courtesy as to ask to be excused from attendance at this session. Mr. Welch (of Mineral) very properly, we think, objected to any such order. There are ghosts enough to materialize and jibe with unfleshed jaws at the misdeeds of the Democratic party without adding another flagrant violation of every principle of common honesty.

This question now troubling the farmers in the Big Sandy region is whether or not to sell their hog crop at the present high prices. The Huntington Commercial suggests to them that when prices are high the chances are always against an advance. Moral—Sell when you can get a good profit.

West Virginia Legislature.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

Tuesday, December 21, 1875. House met pursuant to adjournment and the session opened with prayer by the Rev. Bishop. On motion the reading of the journal was dispensed with. R. B. 214, fixing the status and liabilities of the House, read the first time and ordered to second reading. R. B. 211, concerning provisions for the poor, read a first time and ordered to a second reading. R. B. 178, the civil appropriation bill, was taken up and the following sums were appropriated: For the Legislative Department, six thousand dollars. For the Judicial Department, contingent expenses, three thousand seven hundred dollars. For salaries of Professors and instructors and current expenses of the University at Morgantown, five thousand dollars. For pay of expenses of regents visiting the University, three hundred dollars. To pay insurance on University building, six hundred and twenty-five dollars. To pay Samuel Woods, attorney fees, two hundred dollars.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

To pay Secretary of Board of Regents and current expenses connected therewith, the hundred and fifty dollars. For the Civil Contingent Fund, sixteen hundred and eighty dollars. For printing and stationery for the Superintendent of Free Schools during the current year, three thousand dollars.

PENITENTIARY.

For salaries, support of convicts and repairs and construction of the Penitentiary building and shops, twenty-seven thousand dollars.

HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE.

For salaries of employees, support of the inmates, rebuilding engine house, and providing apartments for the colored inmates, twenty-six thousand five hundred dollars. For the Insanities in jail, twenty thousand dollars.

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

To pay for listing births and deaths and

for other services required by law, one hundred and fifty dollars.

FOR PROBATIONERS' ASSESSMENTS.

Return of county taxes paid into the Treasury, agents, etc., and overpaid taxes, forty-one thousand dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

Twenty-six thousand four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and sixty cents.

Expenses of the Ohio River Improvement Commissioners, one thousand dollars.

The bill was read a third time and passed by its title, and takes effect from and after its passage.

Mr. Depey, of Boone, rose to a question of privilege, and asked that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House be instructed to draw his warrant on the Auditor for the pay and mileage of the Ohio River Improvement Commissioners, one thousand dollars.

Mr. Welch, of Mineral, objected on the ground that the member from Logan had never paid his taxes, and had never been excused from attendance by the House. He had doubts about the legality of such an allowance, and said it was wrong in principle.

Mr. Fleming moved that the question be referred to the Judiciary Committee, and the motion was agreed to.

Mr. Turner left called up H. B. 324, authorizing payment to G. J. H. Lee, of \$400 and to George Edwards of \$102 for property appropriated by the State. The bill was read a first time and ordered to its second reading.

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By Telegraph

ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT.

TO THE DAILY INTELLIGENCER.

NEW YORK.

Freight Rates by Erie.

New York, December 21.—This afternoon a dispatch was received by Vice President Blanchard of the Erie Railroad, announcing that the Grand Trunk railroad declined to entertain the proposition for an increase of their freight rates from Boston to Chicago, in order to correspond with the present rates from this city. In consequence of this refusal the Erie Railroad Co. resolved to put their rates to Chicago at the following figures: First class, 30 cents per hundred pounds; second class 25 cents per hundred pounds; third class 20 cents per hundred pounds; fourth class 15 cents per hundred pounds, and special class, including sugar, coffee, etc., 15 cents. These rates are much lower than those which have been in operation from Boston, and which were for first class, 40 cents per hundred pounds to Chicago; second class 40 cents per hundred pounds to Chicago; third class 30 cents per hundred pounds to Chicago, and special class 15 cents per hundred pounds to Chicago. Mr. Blanchard said he had not heard to-day from the managers of the New York Central and Pennsylvania road, but their action would be joint and all the New York schedules would be reduced together.

INDICATED FOR MURDER.

The Grand Jury of Kings county indicted Rubenstein for the murder of Sarah Alexander.

Indian Battles.

TOPEKA, Kan., December 21.—A fight occurred three or four days ago between two hunting parties of Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians about fifty miles west of Camp Supply, in which a number on each side were wounded. The fight grew out of the Arapahoes infringing on the rights of the Cheyennes. A detachment of the Fourth Cavalry are now with the Cheyennes and a detachment of the Fifth Cavalry with the Arapahoes to preserve peace.

GALVESTON, TEX., December 21.—Advices from Eagle Pass state that three hundred Comanche Indian warriors are reported by a Mexican trader to have assembled at the Canon of San Rodrigo, thirty miles above Remolino. It is thought that the object of this Indian gathering is depredations in Texas.

A dispatch from Fort Clark states that a party of Mexicans recently crossed the river twelve miles below San Felipe and surprised Ponder's ranch, killing three men and two of which were horses, and six hundred cattle. Companies of citizens are organizing to follow them, and much trouble is apprehended.

A horrible massacre is reported near the Atoka Indian nation's country. The bodies of four persons were found buried under a pile of brush, and two were found beyond recognition; the others were white. A pony with a lady's side-saddle, a dog and a gun were found near by. The bodies had all been shot through. A party of men seen riding nine miles from the spot are supposed to have done the shooting. The prairie grass had been fired to destroy the trail.

Herald Balderdash.

NEW YORK, December 21.—The Herald this morning publishes the text of the constitution of the order of American Union, a secret order, which it is alleged has been controlling the elections in the interests of President Grant's administration. It alleges that President Grant, Postmaster General Jewell, and ex-Speaker Blaine are members of the order, and that the order is a political organization. The Herald says that the order is a political organization, and that the order is a political organization.

MADE AN ASSIGNMENT.

CHICAGO, December 21.—The directors of the Commercial Loan Company, 69 North Clark street, yesterday decided to wind up their business and made an assignment to Joel Hervey. The cause is understood to be a personal disagreement and not financial embarrassment, the assets being fully equal to the liabilities, including the capital. The total indebtedness, the directors state, is \$450,000; capital, \$100,000; assets of all kinds, \$550,000. The suspension has caused no excitement in commercial circles.

Assaulted and Robbed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 21.—Frank Elch, a German laborer, was found lying in the mud at the base of a bridge near this city to-day. Elch stated that on the night previous, while at the bridge to fulfill an engagement, he was assaulted and robbed by highwaymen, who, after obtaining his money, threw him from the bridge to the ground below. Elch was seriously wounded, and could not recognize the men who assaulted him, and therefore no arrests were made.

Commissions Refused.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 21.—Governor Chamberlain has refused to issue commissions to Whipple and Governor Moses, the obnoxious Judges here. He says that as the term of the present incumbents of the office to which the above-named persons claim to have been elected will not expire till after another general election, the present General Assembly has not the right to elect their successors.

Will Rebuild.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., December 21.—The Gazette appeared as usual this morning. The proprietors will order a new office at once, and rebuild.

Left for Washington.

CHICAGO, December 21.—Col. Babcock left here for Washington last night. Judge Cram, his counsel, of St. Louis, held a consultation with Babcock yesterday evening, and went with him to Washington.

Cuba's New Captain General.

NEW YORK, December 21.—A dispatch from Madrid says that Gen. Jovellar will succeed Valmades in the Captain Generalship of Cuba.

FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.

The Bremerhaven Victims.

LONDON, December 21.—A special to the Times from Berlin says: It is now ascertained that the total number killed by the explosion at Bremerhaven is 128 and the wounded 56. The Bremerhaven Aid Committee reports that 30 of the injured are hopelessly maimed, and there are 56 widows and 135 orphans by the disaster, for the benefit of whom it proposes to raise a subscription of \$75,000. ORDERED TO THE ISLAND OFF. THOMAS.

A special from Lisbon says that a Portuguese gunboat has been ordered to the island of St. Thomas, in the Gulf of Guinea, on account of an alleged insurrection of the negroes.

The Standards Spain dispatch says that Prince Pierre Bonaorte has issued an address calling on the Chamber of Deputies for Bonaparte.

FRANCE.

PARIS, December 21.—The following are the names of the members of the French Senate elected to-day: Admiral Drouin, Minister of Marine; M. de Mauguier, Minister of Agriculture; M. de Malleville, member for Larnet-Laroune of the left center. This completes the list of Senators so far as the National Assembly is concerned, seventy-five members having been elected by that body. The other members 225 in number, are to be elected indirectly by the people of the several departments.

ITALY.

Mount Vesuvius Waking up.

NAPLES, December 21.—Mount Vesuvius shows a gradual increase of fire and smoke, and the instruments in the observatory are in motion. Professor Palmieri predicts a long period of eruption.

ROMA, December 21.—Signor Balbo, the Italian Minister to Washington, has been nominated Centennial Commissioner.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 21.—The statement that General Ceballos will go to Cuba proved to be untrue. He will succeed General Jovellar as Minister of War. General Caballero de Hollas, formerly Captain General of Cuba, is dead. General Echagun has been appointed to the command of the Army of the Left.

The Forged School Bonds.

TOPEKA, Kan., December 21.—There have been new developments in the forged school bonds made to-day. The Attorney General has been busy drawing up papers to commence suit against Lappin and his bondsmen.

Mr. Francis, to whom the office of State Treasurer has been tentatively assigned, arrived here tonight. There has been no official acceptance yet, but it is generally understood that he will accept.

Marine Intelligence.